Progress Report for Senate – Centre for Quality Assurance (CQA)
(From 2nd half of October, 2021 to 1st half of November, 2021)

1. Policy on Gender Equity and Equality:

USJ Policy on Equality has been developed by the Centre for Gender Equity of USJ. It is been approved by the Senate and it is uploaded to the CQA Website under 'Policies'. Refer to the web link http://cqa.sjp.ac.lk/policies/

2. Policy on Student Engagement in Quality Assurance:

The Policy on Student Engagement in Quality Assurance of USJ has been developed in alignment with the Quality Assurance Policy and the By-Law of USJ and the circular issued in this regard by the Quality Assurance Council (QAC) of the University Grants Commission (UGC). The initial draft of this policy document was shared among the faculties of study and requested comments. After detailed comments had been received from FHSS, FMS and FOE, the final policy document was prepared and tabled at the Senate Standing Committee on Quality Assurance (SSQA) held on 28.10.2021. This finalized proposal is submitted herewith (Refer Annex I) for the approval of the Senate.

Engaging students in quality assurance is an essential aspect of education to improve the students' learning experience in a university. Engaging with students and responding to their opinion allows the academics to improve the learning and teaching activities of a university. Further, the views and opinions of students will provide valuable information for the academic staff and the administrators of a university to take informed decisions that will improve the students' learning experience.

The University of Sri Jayewardenepura (USJ) recognizes the importance of student engagement in quality assurance and this policy is devised to provide a basis for the current activities in the USJ in this respect. Accordingly, this policy elaborates the USJ commitment to engage students in quality assurance activities and the mechanisms by which students could participate in quality assurance activities

3. Certificate and Advanced Certificate

The following certificate and advanced certificates offered by the Faculties were reviewed to assess their compliance with the SLQF and their current status was informed to the Deans of respective faculties.

Faculty	Study Program
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences	Certificate in Angampora
	Certificate in Tourism
	Certificate in English
	Advanced Certificate in Data Analysis for Social Scientists
Faculty of Applied Sciences	Certificate in Laboratory Practices and Basic Instrumentation
	Certificate in Molecular Biology Techniques
	Advanced Certificate in Ecotourism, Wildlife and Nature Interpretation
	Advanced Certificate in Laboratory Practices and Basic Instrumentation
Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce	Certificate in Entrepreneurial Business Management

4. Evaluated study programs:

The CQA evaluated the proposals of the following study programs, before submitting for the approval of the University Senate and the QAC of UGC. These reviews are undertaken prior to the submission of these proposals for the recommendation of the Curriculum Revision Committee (CRC) of USJ.

Postgraduate Diploma		
31.10.2021	Postgraduate Diploma in Biodiversity Conservation and Ecotourism (Second review before submitting to the Curriculum Review Committee)	Level 08

Masters by Coursework		
31.10.2021	Master of Biodiversity Conservation and Ecotourism (Second review before submitting to the Curriculum Review Committee)	Level 09
Masters by Coursework and Research		
31.10.2021	Master of Science in Biodiversity Conservation and Ecotourism (Second review before submitting to the Curriculum Review Committee)	Level 10

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